

We recently learned of plans by Sinclair broadcasting to force its member stations to pre-empt regular programming to air an anti-Kerry attack ad in the guise of a "special news event" in the week before the election. This action violates the trust of the American people, who have granted free use of the public airwaves with the expectation that certain conditions will be upheld, including fairness.

We believe the FCC has a responsibility to the American people to ensure that the airwaves are used in a way that serves the public interest, and that help us hold a free and fair election. Democracy is at risk when government allows propaganda to go forth disguised as information. Please investigate Sinclair's action, and remember your responsibility to uphold law, regulations, and the trust of the American people.